



Federal Communications Commission  
Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**CGB**

June 3, 2011

Jason Smathers  
MuckRock  
185 Beacon St, #3  
Somerville, MA 02143

FOIA No. 2011-353

Dear Mr. Smathers:

This letter responds to your recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) and assigned to the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) by the Commission's FOIA Office on May 5, 2011. Your request seeks copies of all complaints received at the FCC regarding the television show "Skins" between January 2010 and the present.

Arthur Scrutchins of my staff conducted a search of the databases containing informal complaints and identified approximately three hundred sixty complaints responsive to your request. Copies of the complaints are enclosed.

Mr. Scrutchins redacted all personal identifying information relating to the individuals who submitted or are named in the enclosed complaints or inquiries based on Exemption 6 of FOIA, which permits agencies not to disclose files that would clearly invade personal privacy.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Scrutchins also redacted some FCC employee names based on Exemption 2 of FOIA, which permits agencies not to disclose internal personnel rules and practices.<sup>2</sup>

The FCC receives many complaints and comments that do not involve violations of the Communications Act or any FCC rule or order. Thus, a complaint or comment does not necessarily indicate any wrongdoing by any individuals or entities named in the complaint or comment.

FOIA and FCC rules require the FCC to charge requesters for time spent searching for and reviewing responsive documents, and for copying them.<sup>3</sup> Based on your classification as a representative of the news media, you are responsible only for the payment of duplication costs beyond the first 100 pages. We are providing you with approximately 370 pages of records, resulting in copying charges of \$27.00 (370 pages

<sup>1</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6); see also 47 C.F.R. § 0.457(f).

<sup>2</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(2); see also 47 C.F.R. § 0.457(b).

<sup>3</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(i); 47 C.F.R. § 0.470.

less 100 pages @ \$0.10 per page). Because the duplication charges would likely be less than the routine cost of collecting the fee, we have decided not to assess any fee.<sup>4</sup> Because preparing the response to your request falls within this limit, the FCC is not charging you for processing it.

If you think this response denies your FOIA request, you may file an application for review of this decision with the FCC's Office of the General Counsel within 30 days.<sup>5</sup> Both the application and envelope containing it must be marked "Review of Freedom of Information Action" and the application should refer to FOIA Control No. 2011-353.

Sincerely,



Kurt A. Schroeder  
Deputy Chief, Consumer Policy Division  
Consumer Governmental Affairs Bureau

Enclosures

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<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 0.465(b)(2).

<sup>5</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 0.461(j).

**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00002927847	IC Number : 11-WB14679280	Submission Method : Web	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast	Level Two : Programming Issues	Level Three : Children	Assigned Code Acronym : CHIL
Owner Rep Number : TSR29	Creator : cgb.475	Problem Submitted Time : 1/20/2011 11:11:57PM	Date Closed : 2/28/2011

**Contact Information**

Consumer's Name :	Phone :	Best Time to Call :
Address :	Address 2 :	P. O. Box :
City / State / Zip : NAVARRE FL 32566	Title :	Fax Number :
Email :	Company :	

**Indecency**

Date of Program : 01/01/2011	Call Sign/Channel/Frequency : Cable tv
Time of Program : 08:30 PM	City/State of Program : Navarre, Florida
Network : MTV	Program Type : Cable
Name of Program/DJ/Personality/Song/Film : Skins	

**Case Referred**

Case Referral Agency :	FCC/Enforcement Bureau
Referral Division/Dept. :	IHD - Investigation & Hearings
Referral Date :	2/28/2011
EB/IHD Exported Case :	3/2/2011

**Problem Description**

This new show 'Skins' is nothing more than child pornography. Underage teens engaged in sex acts and illegal drug activity. Please remove this show from MTV ASAP.

**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00002927850	IC Number : 11-WB14679306	Submission Method : Web	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast	Level Two : Programming Issues	Level Three : Children	Assigned Code Acronym : CHIL
Owner Rep Number : TSR29	Creator : cgb.475	Problem Submitted Time : 1/20/2011 11:47:36PM	Date Closed : 2/28/2011

**Contact Information**

Consumer's Name : <b>hb</b>	Phone : (000) 000 - 0000	Best Time to Call :
Address :	Address 2 :	P. O. Box : 120
City / State / Zip : ATASCADERO CA 93423	Title :	Fax Number :
Email : <b>hb</b>	Company :	

**Indecency**

Date of Program : 01/17/2011	Call Sign/Channel/Frequency : MTV
Time of Program : 10:00 PM	City/State of Program : Atascadero, CA
Network : MTV	Program Type : Unknown
Name of Program/DJ/Personality/Song/Film : Skins	

**Case Referred**

Case Referral Agency :	FCC/Enforcement Bureau
Referral Division/Dept. :	IHD - Investigation & Hearings
Referral Date :	2/28/2011
EB/IHD Exported Case :	3/2/2011

**Problem Description**

This show is clearly indecent. This will end up hurting children.

<b>Case Information</b>			
Control ID : CIMS00002923728	IC Number : 11-WB14677186	Submission Method : Web	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast	Level Two : Programming Issues	Level Three : Indecent	Assigned Code Acronym : INDE
Owner Rep Number : TSR42	Creator : cgb.475	Problem Submitted Time : 1/18/2011 11:14:13AM	Date Closed : 1/19/2011
<b>Contact Information</b>			
Consumer's Name : [REDACTED]	Phone : (000) 000 - 0000	Best Time to Call :	
Address : [REDACTED] <i>bb</i>	Address 2 :	P. O. Box :	
City / State / Zip : WHITE PLAINS NY 10606	Title :	Fax Number :	
Email :	Company :		
<b>Indecency</b>			
Date of Program : 01/17/2011	Call Sign/Channel/Frequency : 53		
Time of Program : 10:00PM	City/State of Program : White Plains, New York		
Network : MTV	Program Type : Unknown		
Name of Program/DJ/Personality/Song/Film : Skins			

**Problem Description**

Consumer is calling about MTV ?Skins?. The kids were in school and trying to get a girl. They were kissing on TV. The one guy told the other guy to call this girl and she what happens, she was using drugs. The guy in the bed looked down at his private parts.

They showed a guy using the bathroom.

**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00002921505	IC Number : 11-WB14676894	Submission Method : Web	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast	Level Two : Programming Issues	Level Three : Indecent	Assigned Code Acronym : INDE
Owner Rep Number : TSR29	Creator : cgb.475	Problem Submitted Time : 1/17/2011 11:52:15PM	Date Closed : 2/25/2011

**Contact Information**

Consumer's Name :	Phone :	Best Time to Call :
Address :	Address 2 :	P. O. Box :
City / State / Zip : ROSELLE PARK NJ 07204	Title :	Fax Number :
Email :	Company :	

**Indecency**

Date of Program : 01/17/2011	Call Sign/Channel/Frequency : 210 Verizon
Time of Program : 10:00 PM	City/State of Program : Roselle Park, NJ
Network : MTV	Program Type : Unknown
Name of Program/DJ/Personality/Song/Film : MTV / SKINS	

**Case Referred**

Case Referral Agency :	FCC/Enforcement Bureau
Referral Division/Dept. :	IHD - Investigation & Hearings
Referral Date :	2/25/2011
EB/IHD Exported Case :	3/2/2011

**Problem Description**

What a piece of crap show this is. Who exactly is their target audience ? Ya great show to let your kids watch, complete with verbal and visual references to drugs, teen age hookers, drugged out teens and sex. These people freaking amaze me and I don't understand who MTV expects to watch it. This show is worse than Jersey Shore. It's garbage and should be taken off the air.

**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00002921478	IC Number : 11-WB14675124	Submission Method : Web	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast	Level Two : Programming Issues	Level Three : Indecent	Assigned Code Acronym : INDE
Owner Rep Number : TSR42	Creator : cgb.475	Problem Submitted Time : 1/15/2011 2:23:42AM	Date Closed : 1/18/2011

**Contact Information**

Consumer's Name :	Phone :	Best Time to Call :
Address :	Address 2 :	P. O. Box :
City / State / Zip : SALEM MA 01970	Title :	Fax Number :
Email :	Company :	

**Indecency**

Date of Program : 01/16/2011	Call Sign/Channel/Frequency : MTV
Time of Program : 09:00 PM	City/State of Program : Nationwide
Network : MTV	Program Type : Unknown
Name of Program/DJ/Personality/Song/Film : Skins	

**Case Referred**

Case Referral Agency :	FCC/Enforcement Bureau
Referral Division/Dept :	IHD - Investigation & Hearings
Referral Date :	1/18/2011
EB/IHD Exported Case :	1/19/2011

**Problem Description**

Skins is filled with graphic content involving high-school children, including depictions of teens drinking, smoking marijuana, and using massive quantities of drugs, engaging in VIOLENT ACTS, and HAVING IRRESPONSIBLE SEX with each other, with their schoolteachers, and with other adults. – Though the network rates the show as suitable for adults only, they are AGGRESSIVELY marketing this program to teenagers on sites such as teen.com IN ADDITION, the show is being aired as early as 9pm central time.

Skins is about high-school children. Mixed in with the graphic drug use and sex scenes are storylines about falling in love and problems at school elements- all designed to generate interest from teens. The show is being written, in part, by teens. And the Skins cast is actually made up of teenagers, not adult actors playing teens. \*\*\*\*One cast member is only 15 years old\*\*\* (a fact which, I believe, elevates this infraction to the level of "child exploitation") These facts CLEARLY SHOW that the CHILDREN UNDER 18 are its intended market.

There is NO DOUBT that this program appeals to the prurient interest. \*\*\*PLEASE WATCH THE YOUTUBE trailer.\*\*\* (If you have any difficulty finding this, please contact me and I will be happy to send you a link). I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR TIMELY RESPONSE. Your work in the public interest is tremendously appreciated.

**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00002921479	IC Number : 11-WB14675224	Submission Method : Web	Status : Closed
Level One : Unknown Media Types	Level Two : Programming Issues	Level Three : Content Criticism	Assigned Code Acronym : PCCR
Owner Rep Number : PCC66	Creator : cgb.475	Problem Submitted Time : 1/15/2011 6:15:54AM	Date Closed : 1/20/2011

**Contact Information**

Consumer's Name :	Phone :	Best Time to Call :
Address :	Address 2 :	P. O. Box :
City / State / Zip : CAMAS WA 98607	Title :	Fax Number :
Email :	Company :	

**Indecency**

Date of Program : 01/17/2011	Call Sign/Channel/Frequency : MTV
Time of Program : 10:00 pm	City/State of Program : WA
Network : MTV	Program Type : Cable/Satellite
Name of Program/DJ/Personality/Song/Film : Skins	

**Problem Description**

The previews are obscene. The show is assumed to be as bad or worse.

**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00002920329	IC Number : 11-WB14673832	Submission Method : Web	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast	Level Two : Programming Issues	Level Three : Indecent	Assigned Code Acronym : INDE
Owner Rep Number : TSR42	Creator : cgb.475	Problem Submitted Time : 1/13/2011 1:06:54AM	Date Closed : 1/14/2011

**Contact Information**

Consumer's Name : 	Phone : (000) 000-0000 ;	Best Time to Call :
Address : 	Address 2 :	P. O. Box :
City / State / Zip : SURPRISE AZ 85388	Title :	Fax Number :
Email : 	Company :	

**Indecency**

Date of Program : 01/12/2011	Call Sign/Channel/Frequency : NBC
Time of Program : 06:30 pm	City/State of Program : Surprise, AZ
Network : NBC	Program Type : Unknown
Name of Program/DJ/Personality/Song/Film : Skins	

**Case Referred**

Case Referral Agency : FCC/Enforcement Bureau
Referral Division/Dept. : IHD - Investigation & Hearings
Referral Date : 1/14/2011
EB/IHD Exported Case : 1/19/2011

**Problem Description**

During family programs on commercials a trailer for Skins comes on and it is a teen age girl rubbing herself up a boy who is against a locker. Really?? By the way, the Erectile Dysfunction commercials are inappropriate too!!

**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00002916059	IC Number : 11-WBI4670061	Submission Method : Web	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast	Level Two : Programming Issues	Level Three : Indecent	Assigned Code Acronym : INDE
Owner Rep Number : TSR29	Creator : cgb.475	Problem Submitted Time : 1/7/2011 1:20:39AM	Date Closed : 2/15/2011

**Contact Information**

Consumer's Name : [REDACTED] Phone : [REDACTED] Best Time to Call :  
 Address : [REDACTED] Address 2 : [REDACTED] P. O. Box : PO BOX 425  
 City / State / Zip : WHITTIER CA 90608 Title : [REDACTED] Fax Number :  
 Email : [REDACTED] Company : [REDACTED]

**Indecency**

Date of Program : 01/06/2011 Call Sign/Channel/Frequency : MTV/742  
 Time of Program : 10:12 City/State of Program : WHITTIER CA  
 Network : MTV Program Type : Unknown  
 Name of Program/DJ/Personality/Song/Film :  
 SKINS

**Case Referred**

Case Referral Agency : FCC/Enforcement Bureau  
 Referral Division/Dept. : IHD - Investigation & Hearings  
 Referral Date : 2/15/2011  
 EB/IHD Exported Case : 2/17/2011

**Problem Description**

Depicts teens smoking and drinking. It also glamorizes potential sexual and obscene situations involving underage children. Portrays underage high school age children using the word "bitches". Inappropriate use and abuse of young actors and exploits the minds of our teens.

**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00002889714	IC Number : 10-WB14654888	Submission Method : Web	Status : Closed
Level One : Unknown Media Types	Level Two : Programming Issues	Level Three : Content Criticism	Assigned Code Acronym : PCCR
Owner Rep Number : PCC66	Creator : cgb.475	Problem Submitted Time : 12/11/2010 11:11:35PM	Date Closed : 12/16/2010

**Contact Information**

Consumer's Name : <i>b4</i>	Phone : <i>b4</i>	Best Time to Call :
Address : <i>b4</i>	Address 2 : <i>b4</i>	P. O. Box :
City / State / Zip : PENSACOLA FL 32514 <i>b4</i>	Title : <i>b4</i>	Fax Number :
Email : <i>b4</i>	Company : <i>b4</i>	

**Indecency**

Date of Program : 12/9/10	Call Sign/Channel/Frequency : MTV
Time of Program : 07:00pm	City/State of Program : Pensacola, FL
Network : MTV	Program Type : Cable/Satellite
Name of Program/DJ/Personality/Song/Film : Skins	

**Problem Description**

Dear FCC,

I viewed a commercial for a new show slated for MTV called Skins. I was offended by the depictions of young kids using drugs, sexual activity between two young girls, drinking to excess, and lying to their parents. I have not seen the show but the commercial was very offensive by any standards. I am asking to have this show reviewed and the commercial pulled.

Thank You,

*b4*

**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00003020756	IC Number : 1I-R3020756	Submission Method : Email	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast Cable Satellite	Level Two : Broadcast	Level Three : Indecency / Obscenity	Assigned Code Acronym :
Owner Rep Number : TSR30	Creator : email.reader	Problem Submitted Time : 3/16/2011 12:58:56PM	Date Closed : 3/16/2011

**Contact Information**

Consumer's Name : UNKNOWN UNKNOWN  
 Address : *bb*  
 City / State / Zip : *bb*  
 Email : *bb*

Phone : (000) 000-0000 Best Time to Call :  
 Address 2 : P. O. Box :  
 Title : Fax Number :  
 Company : *bb*

**Problem Description**

Email Subject: Indecency Complaint

3/16/2011 12:59:34 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to *bb*

*bb* *bb* wrote on 3/16/2011 12:58:56 PM :

*bb* *bb*  
Sanford, NC 27330-6606

Federal Communications Commission  
 445 12th St, S.W.  
 Complaints and Political Programming Branch  
 Enforcement Division, Mass Media Bureau  
 Washington, DC 20554

This is a formal COMPLAINT of indecency on broadcast television. My complaint concerns the PROGRAM ON:

Network: FOX  
 Program Name: SKINS on MTV  
 Broadcast Date: latest  
 Broadcast Time: 8:00pm ET  
 My Affiliate: MTV

Description of Indecency:

MTV flih in script on matter of rape!!

COMPLAINANT RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT THE FCC ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS COMPLAINT, AND THAT THE FCC KEEP ME INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS AND RESULTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION INTO THIS MATTER.

Sincerely,

*bb*

<b>Case Information</b>			
Control ID : CIMS00003055665	IC Number : 11-R3055665	Submission Method : Email	Status : Closed
Level One : Other	Level Two : Call Center Email	Level Three :	Assigned Code Acronym :
Owner Rep Number : TSR29	Creator : mary.shaak	Problem Submitted Time : 3/15/2011 6:20:02PM	Date Closed : 4/8/2011
<b>Contact Information</b>			
Consumer's Name :	Phone : (000) 000 - 0000	Best Time to Call :	
Address :	Address 2 :	P. O. Box :	
City / State / Zip :	Title :	Fax Number :	
Email :	Company :		

**Problem Description**

Network: MTV

Program Title: Skins

Broadcast Date: 03/14/2011

Broadcast time: 7:00PM

Time Zone: Pacific Time

Skin shows teens having sex with each other and with a teacher. It also showed teens high, smoking marijuana, and using ecstasy. I am totally appalled that this show has been allowed to air primetime on a network that young kids watch. I am a young teacher at a middle school, and I see daily my students replicating the same behaviors from this show. I spent the majority of my day, not educating children, but trying to eradicate problem behaviors that are glamorized on this show. I am just shocked.

Please do our kids a favor and shut the Skins program down. I realize that MTV gets ratings, but at what point do we need to put money aside and put morals ahead?

Resource Specialist  
b6

BPJH

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<b>Case Information</b>			
Control ID : CIMS00002958138	IC Number : 11-R2958138	Submission Method : Email	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast Cable Satellite	Level Two : Cable TV	Level Three : Offensive	Assigned Code Acronym :
Owner Rep Number : TSR58	Creator : shirl.storm	Problem Submitted Time : 2/4/2011 11:35:53AM	Date Closed : 2/4/2011
<b>Contact Information</b>			
Consumer's Name : [REDACTED] b6	Phone : (000) 000 - 0000	Best Time to Call :	
Address : [REDACTED] b6	Address 2 :	P. O. Box :	
City / State / Zip : [REDACTED] b6	Title :	Fax Number :	
Email : [REDACTED]	Company :		
<b>Problem Description</b>			
b2 [REDACTED] wrote on 2/4/2011 11:36:58 AM :			

Dear Consumer,

In general, cable operators do not have the same restrictions on program content as regular television broadcast stations. While it is a violation of federal law to air indecent programming or profane language during certain hours on regular broadcast television, it is a violation of federal law to air obscene programming at any time either on regular broadcast television or cable television.

Programming considered indecent, obscene and violent or otherwise offensive to some viewers may be transmitted over cable systems. The FCC Cannot Restrict Non-Broadcast (Cable) Programming.

Cable operators do not have the same restrictions on program content as regular television broadcast stations.

Thank You

Has America totally gone over the cliff? What is your agency doing about this Skins program? MTV should be OUT OF BUSINESS! All of the MTV executives should be locked up for a long time.

Please do your job!!

b6 [REDACTED]

Parent of four

Poulsbo, WA

**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00002958142	IC Number : 11-R2958142	Submission Method : Email	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast Cable Satellite	Level Two : Cable TV	Level Three : Offensive	Assigned Code Acronym :
Owner Rep Number : TSR58	Creator : shirl.storm	Problem Submitted Time : 2/4/2011 11:36:45AM	Date Closed : 2/4/2011

**Contact Information**

Consumer's Name : [REDACTED]	Phone : (000) 000 - 0000	Best Time to Call :
Address : [REDACTED] b b	Address 2 :	P. O. Box :
City / State / Zip : [REDACTED] b b	Title :	Fax Number :
Email : [REDACTED]	Company :	

**Problem Description**

b2 [REDACTED] wrote on 2/4/2011 11:37:50 AM :

Dear Consumer,

In general, cable operators do not have the same restrictions on program content as regular television broadcast stations. While it is a violation of federal law to air indecent programming or profane language during certain hours on regular broadcast television, it is a violation of federal law to air obscene programming at any time either on regular broadcast television or cable television.

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Thank You

I demand a thorough investigation to determine if MTV, its parent corporation Viacom, and cable/satellite provider(s) may have broken local child pornography or child endangerment laws.

Some scenes from the provocative new show Skins may violate federal child pornography statutes" by exhibiting "visual depictions of a minor [under 18-years-old] engaged in sexually explicit conduct." Most of the cast of Skins are between the ages 15 and 19.

In particular, Viacom executives were concerned about Monday night's episode, in which a character played by a 17-year-old actor (according to the Times) is shown naked from behind running down the street.

We don't need this garbage depicted on television and viewed by easily influenced pre-teens and teens! This is disgusting and outrageous.

**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00002951525	IC Number : 11-R2951525	Submission Method : Email	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast Cable Satellite	Level Two : Broadcast	Level Three : Indecency / Obscenity	Assigned Code Acronym :
Owner Rep Number : TSR54	Creator : email.reader	Problem Submitted Time : 2/2/2011 5:36:26AM	Date Closed : 2/10/2011

**Contact Information**

Consumer's Name : <i>[REDACTED]</i>	Phone : (000) 000-0000	Best Time to Call :
Address :	Address 2 :	P. O. Box :
City / State / Zip :	Title :	Fax Number :
Email :	Company :	

**Problem Description**

Email Subject: Please consider

*b2* *[REDACTED]* wrote on 2/10/2011 2:43:01 PM :

Dear Ms. *[REDACTED]*

Please see the attached information on indecency/obscenity and how to file a complaint.

*b6* *[REDACTED]* 2/2/2011 8:53:34 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to *[REDACTED]*

*[REDACTED]* wrote on 2/2/2011 5:36:26 AM :

On January 17, the Viacom-owned cable network MTV aired a teenager-based drama, "Skins." The weekly program depicts all manner of foul language, illegal drug use, underage drinking and other illegal activity, as well as thoroughly pervasive sexual content. Moreover, future episodes promise much more of the same.

While that alone is cause enough for concern among parents and families around the country, new information has come to light that is even more disturbing. The New York Times has reported that Viacom executives met earlier this month to discuss whether the January 17th episode of Skins might violate federal law regarding the sexual depiction and presentation of minors and has compelled the producers of the show to make certain changes.

Since many of the actors appearing in the show are under the age of 18, some of the content in Skins may well be in violation of not only federal child pornography or child exploitation statutes, but possibly state and local laws, as well. Regardless whether controversial scenes were edited out, if such footage was produced, it may be unlawful.

Viacom and its subsidiary MTV knowingly produced this graphic content; and local cable and satellite providers knowingly distributed it. Because the production and distribution of this material may be in violation of the law, we urgently call upon your office to immediately investigate Viacom and MTV for the production of this material, as well as cable/satellite carriers here in our jurisdiction who distributed the program.

May God Bless You,

**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00002950325	IC Number : 11-R2950325	Submission Method : Email	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast Cable Satellite	Level Two : Broadcast	Level Three : Indecency / Obscenity	Assigned Code Acronym :
Owner Rep Number : TSR58	Creator : b2	Problem Submitted Time : 2/1/2011 3:39:51PM	Date Closed : 2/1/2011

**Contact Information**

Consumer's Name : b6	Phone : ( 000 ) 000 - 0000	Best Time to Call :
Address :	Address 2 :	P. O. Box :
City / State / Zip : b6	Title :	Fax Number :
Email : b6	Company :	

**Problem Description**

b2  
b6 wrote on 2/1/2011 3:40:52 PM :

Dear Consumer,

The FCC helps administratively enforce the law that prohibits or restricts the broadcasting of obscene, indecent, or profane programming. The FCC must also be mindful of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and Section 326 of the Communications Act, which prohibit the FCC from censoring program material, or interfering with broadcasters' free speech rights.

If the FCC determines that a violation of these laws has occurred, it may take any of a range of enforcement actions against the broadcaster involved.

The Department of Justice enforces the criminal provisions of the law applicable to broadcasting obscene, indecent, or profane programming.

FCC staff will review each complaint to determine whether it contains sufficient information to suggest that there has been a violation of the obscenity, profanity, or indecency rules.

If it appears that a violation may have occurred, the staff will start an investigation, which may include sending a letter of inquiry to the broadcaster. You may file your complaint at [esupport.fcc.gov/complaints.htm](http://esupport.fcc.gov/complaints.htm).

If the FCC determines, after its investigation, that a violation did occur, it can take any of a range of enforcement actions, depending on the facts of the case, including:

- Issuance of a letter of admonition or warning to the station involved
- Imposition of a monetary forfeiture (a fine) on the station
- Revocation of the station's broadcast license

The FCC has proposed large forfeitures for indecency violations and has indicated that it will consider proposing forfeitures based on each indecent utterance in a program, rather than a single forfeiture for the program as a whole.

License revocation proceedings require that the case be sent to an administrative law judge for a hearing. The FCC has not yet used this procedure to revoke a broadcast license for violations of the rules against obscenity, indecency, or profanity, but it has made it clear that, in the proper circumstances, it would consider such a remedy.

Thank You

*bb*

writes:

Please use your position to be a true steward of the airwaves. I am increasingly concerned about the content on TV shows like Skins and The Family Guy. As a psychologist, I know too many kids who have TVs in their rooms and are free to watch anything, in spite of my advising their parents otherwise. We have to care about kids and to protect them, not just say it's a parents job. It's the nation's job. I sent a formal complaint about the Family Guy. I am boycotting Taco Bell b/c of their advertising on Skins on MTV. But what more can I do? Please be a hero and do all you can to stand up to these broadcasters and advertisers. We are caught in a cycle of greed. It's so discouraging.

**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00002938641	IC Number : 11-R2938641	Submission Method : Phone	Status : Closed
* Level One : Broadcast Cable Satellite	Level Two : Broadcast	Level Three : Indecency / Obscenity	Assigned Code Acronym :
Owner Rep Number : CTR40	Creator : [REDACTED] b2	Problem Submitted Time : 1/26/2011 8:44:00AM	Date Closed : 1/26/2011

**Contact Information**

Consumer's Name : [REDACTED] bb Phone : [REDACTED] Best Time to Call :  
Address : [REDACTED] bb Address 2 : [REDACTED] P. O. Box :  
City / State / Zip : SEAFORD DE 19973 Title : [REDACTED] Fax Number :  
Email : [REDACTED] Company : [REDACTED]

**Problem Description**

Consumer has seen a part of the show Skins from FOX. Show is all about teen drinking and having sex. Consumer didn't actually see the show but he seen a show on Fox about the show Skins. Consumer feels the USA has enough problems with teens and TV should not teach the teens to drink and have sex

**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00002937337	IC Number : 11-R2937337	Submission Method : Email	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast Cable Satellite	Level Two : Broadcast	Level Three : Indecency / Obscenity	Assigned Code Acronym :
Owner Rep Number : TSR30	Creator : email.reader :	Problem Submitted Time : 1/25/2011 1:38:08PM	Date Closed : 2/1/2011

**Contact Information**

Consumer's Name : UNKNOWN UNKNOWN  
 Address :  
 City / State / Zip : *bb*  
 Email : *bb*

Phone : (000) 000-0000 Best Time to Call :  
 Address 2 :  
 Title :  
 Company :  
 P. O. Box :  
 Fax Number :

**Problem Description**

Email Subject: Indecency Complaint

1/25/2011 2:39:05 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to *bb*

*bb* [REDACTED] Date on 1/25/2011 1:38:08 PM :

*bb* [REDACTED] new london, WI 54961

Federal Communications Commission  
 445 12th St, S.W.  
 Complaints and Political Programming Branch  
 Enforcement Division, Mass Media Bureau  
 Washington, DC 20554

This is a formal COMPLAINT of indecency on broadcast television. My complaint concerns the PROGRAM ON:

Network: FOX  
 Program Name: skins  
 Broadcast Date: 01/25/11  
 Broadcast Time: 9:00pm CT  
 My Affiliate: fox

Description of Indecency:

This show needs to be taken off the air. Skins is a terrible and indecent show for teenagers as well as adults. It's graphic details are distasteful and doesn't need to be shown on cable tv. It should be on a porn tv channel. Please look at taking it off the air. It's disgusting!

COMPLAINANT RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT THE FCC ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS COMPLAINT, AND THAT THE FCC KEEP ME INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS AND RESULTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION INTO THIS MATTER.

Sincerely,

*bb* [REDACTED]

**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00002934131	IC Number : 11-R2934131	Submission Method : Phone	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast Cable Satellite	Level Two : Broadcast	Level Three : Indecency / Obscenity	Assigned Code Acronym :
Owner Rep Number : CTR57	Creator : b2	Problem Submitted Time : 1/24/2011 1:54:54PM	Date Closed : 1/24/2011

**Contact Information**

Consumer's Name :	b6	Phone :	b6	Best Time to Call :
Address :	b6	Address 2 :	b6	P. O. Box :
City / State / Zip :	DEARBORN HEIGHTS MI	Title :	b6	Fax Number :
Email :	b6	Company :		

**Problem Description**

Consumer is offended with the skins program. Went over the cable script and sent mailout

<b>Case Information</b>			
Control ID : CIMS00002933009	IC Number : 11-R2933009	Submission Method : Email	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast Cable Satellite	Level Two : Broadcast	Level Three : Indecency / Obscenity	Assigned Code Acronym :
Owner Rep Number : TSR15	Creator : email.reader	Problem Submitted Time : 1/22/2011 3:07:04PM	Date Closed : 1/31/2011
<b>Contact Information</b>			
Consumer's Name : UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	Phone : (000) 000-0000	Best Time to Call :	
Address :	Address 2 :	P. O. Box :	
City / State / Zip :	Title :	Fax Number :	
Email :	Company :		
<b>Problem Description</b>			
Email Subject: MTV IS SHOWING child pornography and drugs on show skins they said on news and radio.			
[REDACTED] wrote on 1/31/2011 8:57:08 AM :			

Hello,

Thank you for contacting the FCC.

The FCC requires additional information for a valid complete indecent/obscene complaint.

The fastest and easiest way to file a complaint about an obscene, indecent, or profane broadcast is to use the FCC's electronic complaint Form 475B, available on our Web site at <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/cgb/fcc475B.cfm>.

The FCC asks complainants to provide with their complaints as much of the following information as possible:

- Information regarding the details of what was actually said or depicted during the broadcast (such as specific words, language, images, etc.).
- The date and time of the broadcast.
- The call sign, channel, or frequency of the station involved.

It is also helpful if you provide the following information:

- The name of the program, DJ, personality, song, or film and network.
- City and state where you heard or saw the program.

-A transcript, audiotape, CD/DVD or other recording in support of your complaint. This is not required, but may help expedite the processing of your complaint.

Any documentation you provide to the FCC about your complaint becomes part of the FCC's records and may not be returned.

Best Regards,

1/23/2011 3:55:40 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to [REDACTED] *bb*

*bb* [REDACTED] wrote on 1/22/2011 3:07:04 PM :

*bb* [REDACTED] am writing you beacause I CAN,T belive what they are saying on tv and radio about this show on mtv named skins where they are showing seventeen year old kids nude and doing drugs how can they show this on tv I thought the fcc watchs what they put on tv, I told my children not watch that show ARE YOU going to fine or take this show off the air WHATS going on in our country HOPE you do something about this thank you.

Case Information			
Control ID : CIMS00002927865	IC Number : 11-R2927865	Submission Method : Email	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast Cable Satellite	Level Two : Broadcast	Level Three : Indecency / Obscenity	Assigned Code Acronym :
Owner Rep Number : PCC66	Creator : email.reader	Problem Submitted Time : 1/21/2011 2:05:46AM	Date Closed : 1/21/2011
Contact Information			
Consumer's Name :	Phone : (000) 000-0000	Best Time to Call :	
Address :	Address 2 :	P. O. Box :	
City / State / Zip : WICHITA FALLS TX 76302	Title :	Fax Number :	
Email :	Company :		

**Problem Description**

Email Subject: Indecency Complaint  
 [REDACTED] hb

Wichita Fall, TX 76302

Federal Communications Commission  
 445 12th St, S.W.  
 Complaints and Political Programming Branch  
 Enforcement Division, Mass Media Bureau  
 Washington, DC 20554

This is a formal COMPLAINT of indecency on broadcast television. My complaint concerns the PROGRAM ON:

Network: ABC  
 Program Name: skins  
 Broadcast Date: 01-17-11  
 Broadcast Time: 9:00pm CT  
 My Affiliate: viacom

Description of Indecency:

what kind of show does MTV try to put out there for our kids to watch first jesery shore now skins where is the accountability. Child porn is the last straw for me. I know what the (MTV) will say and I do monitor what my children watch but look who the show is geared toward who is monitoring them

COMPLAINANT RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT THE FCC ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS COMPLAINT, AND THAT THE FCC KEEP ME INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS AND RESULTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION INTO THIS MATTER.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] hb

**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00002928875	IC Number : 11-R2928875	Submission Method : Phone	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast Cable Satellite	Level Two : Cable TV	Level Three : Offensive	Assigned Code Acronym :
Owner Rep Number : CTR57	Creator : <i>b2</i>	Problem Submitted Time : 1/21/2011 10:46:27AM	Date Closed : 1/21/2011

**Contact Information**

Consumer's Name : <i>bb</i>	Phone : <i>bb</i>	Best Time to Call :
Address : <i>bb</i>	Address 2 : <i>bb</i>	P. O. Box :
City / State / Zip : VIRGINIA BEACH VA 23455	Title : <i>bb</i>	Fax Number :
Email :	Company :	

**Problem Description**

Consumer is calling about the sexual and drug content on the MTV Skins Program 11-WB14680070

<b>Case Information</b>			
Control ID : CIMS00002929483	IC Number : 11-R2929483	Submission Method : Email	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast Cable Satellite	Level Two : Broadcast	Level Three : Indecency / Obscenity	Assigned Code Acronym :
Owner Rep Number : TSR44	Creator : email.reader	Problem Submitted Time : 1/21/2011 11:38:06AM	Date Closed : 2/1/2011
<b>Contact Information</b>			
Consumer's Name : UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	Phone : (000) 000-0000	Best Time to Call :	
Address :	Address 2 :	P. O. Box :	
City / State / Zip : b6	Title :	Fax Number :	
Email :	Company :		
<b>Problem Description</b>			
Email Subject: MTV			
b6 [REDACTED] wrote on 2/1/2011 12:34:20 PM :			

Please see the attached Consumer Fact Sheet.

The fastest and easiest way to file a complaint about an obscene, indecent, or profane broadcast is to use the FCC's electronic complaint Form 475B, available on our Web site at <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/cgb/fcc475B.cfm>.

You may also file a complaint by e-mail at [fccinfo@fcc.gov](mailto:fccinfo@fcc.gov) or by calling 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322) voice, 1-888-TELL-FCC (1-888-835-5322) TTY or by faxing to 1-866-418-0232. You can also mail your complaint to:

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554.

The FCC asks complainants to provide with their complaints as much of the following information as possible:

- Information regarding the details of what was actually said or depicted during the broadcast (such as specific words, language, images, etc.).
- The date and time of the broadcast.
- The call sign, channel, or frequency of the station involved.

It is also helpful if you provide the following information:

- The name of the program, DJ, personality, song, or film and network.
- City and state where you heard or saw the program.
- A transcript, audiotape, CD/DVD or other recording in support of your complaint. This is not required, but may help expedite the processing of your complaint.

1/21/2011 11:42:03 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to b6 [REDACTED]

b6 [REDACTED] wrote on 1/21/2011 11:38:06 AM :

The new show on MTV, Skins is a porno show...It glorifies sex and drug...Our youth do not need to be exposed to this kind

of filth...Please have it taken off the airways before more damage is done to our youth...

**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00002930105	IC Number : 11-R2930105	Submission Method : Phone	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast Cable Satellite	Level Two : Broadcast	Level Three : Indecency / Obscenity	Assigned Code Acronym :
Owner Rep Number : CTR131	Creator : [REDACTED] b2	Problem Submitted Time : 1/21/2011 12:03:15PM	Date Closed : 1/21/2011

**Contact Information**

Consumer's Name : [REDACTED] b1	Phone : [REDACTED]	Best Time to Call : [REDACTED]
Address : [REDACTED] b4	Address 2 : [REDACTED]	P. O. Box : [REDACTED]
City / State / Zip : OVERLAND PARK KS	Title : [REDACTED] b4	Fax Number : [REDACTED]
Email : [REDACTED] b4	Company : [REDACTED]	

**Problem Description**

Concern is with FCC and we should take MTV's the Skins off the air. They are showing masturbation by underage children and showing drug use and they are acting as money mongrel pimps. Feels teen pornography is too much and the FCC should take action. She will review the info sent and file about this over the edge issue.

**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00002930900	IC Number : 11-R2930900	Submission Method : Phone	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast Cable Satellite	Level Two : Broadcast	Level Three : Indecency / Obscenity	Assigned Code Acronym :
Owner Rep Number : CTR131	Creator : [REDACTED] b2	Problem Submitted Time : 1/21/2011 1:47:45PM	Date Closed : 1/21/2011

**Contact Information**

Consumer's Name : [REDACTED] b6 Phone : [REDACTED] Best Time to Call :  
 Address : [REDACTED] b6  
 Address 2 : [REDACTED] b6  
 City / State / Zip : IRVINE CA 92612 Title : P. O. Box :  
 Email : Company : Fax Number :

**Problem Description**

Concern is with MTV Skins and children under the age of 18 having sex and he will review the web site but did not want info sent. He understands what would be needed to file.

**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00002932047	IC Number : 11-R2932047	Submission Method : Email	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast Cable Satellite	Level Two : Broadcast	Level Three : Indecency / Obscenity	Assigned Code Acronym :
Owner Rep Number : TSR42	Creator : email.reader	Problem Submitted Time : 1/21/2011 4:44:31PM	Date Closed : 1/31/2011

**Contact Information**

Consumer's Name : [REDACTED] b6 Phone : (000) 000 - 0000 Best Time to Call :  
 Address : Address 2 : P. O. Box :  
 City / State / Zip : Title : Fax Number :  
 Email : [REDACTED] b6 Company :

**Indecency**

Date of Program : unknown Call Sign/Channel/Frequency :  
 Time of Program : unknown City/State of Program :  
 Network : Program Type :

Name of Program/DJ/Personality/Song/Film :  
Skins

**Problem Description**

Email Subject: indecency of the show "Skins"

To Whom It may Concern, b6

My name is [REDACTED]. I am not usually disturbed by shows that portray sexual behavior, but then I don't allow my thirteen yr old daughter to watch such shows. I am so distraught about the show "Skins" on [REDACTED], because not only does it portrays young teens having sex and using drugs. That in itself is not the issue even though it's sad that it is the main focus of the show. says its target audience is teens. "Teens" are 13 to 19 so the teens from 13 to 17 are underage. This show is rated MA which means it is so graphic my daughter is not allowed to watch it. Thus only adult audiences should watch it. If it is true that there are underage actors in this then they are being exploited and it is child porn. If the actors are of age playing underage teens then it is deviant. Any way you look at it, it stinks like raw sewage. Have we become so depraved as a society that we encourage pedophiles to watch our children have sex. Haven't we learned that children are sexually abused? I live in PA men are constantly being arrested for downloading child porn. Now they can watch it on TV. thinks this is ok? were the producers of this show all men that prey on children? It's really appalling that the they thought the content of this show was somehow ok. Maybe if they had researched, TALKED to real teenagers, and not been so graphic it might work. I hope you will look into this. Thanks for your time [REDACTED] b6

<b>Case Information</b>			
Control ID : CIMS00002932828	IC Number : 11-R2932828	Submission Method : Email	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast Cable Satellite	Level Two : Broadcast	Level Three : Indecency / Obscenity	Assigned Code Acronym :
Owner Rep Number : TSR30	Creator : email.reader	Problem Submitted Time : 1/21/2011 7:21:53PM	Date Closed : 1/31/2011
<b>Contact Information</b>			
Consumer's Name : UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	Phone : (000) 000-0000	Best Time to Call :	
Address :	Address 2 :	P. O. Box :	
City / State / Zip :	Title :	Fax Number :	
Email :	Company :		

**Problem Description**

Email Subject: Indecency Complaint

1/21/2011 7:22:08 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wrote on 1/21/2011 7:21:53 PM :

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] west babylon, NY 11704

Federal Communications Commission  
 445 12th St, S.W.  
 Complaints and Political Programming Branch  
 Enforcement Division, Mass Media Bureau  
 Washington, DC 20554

This is a formal COMPLAINT of indecency on broadcast television. My complaint concerns the PROGRAM ON:

Network: ABC  
 Program Name: skins  
 Broadcast Date: 1/17/2011  
 Broadcast Time: 9:30pm ET  
 My Affiliate: viacom

Description of Indecency:

I know viacom is affiliated with mtv the new show skins is a disgrace. Exposing our teenage to a life of drugs sex etc. I would like to see the show off the air. What the heck is going on in this world. Its not okay to have sex partys when your parents aren't home and sell drugs and nudity woman on woman brainwashing the future teenagers thinking this is normal behavior . I am sick to my stomach to think I have to fight with my kids what they can watch. Wake up America Parents need to pool together on this no more trash for teenagers!!!

COMPLAINANT RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT THE FCC ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS COMPLAINT, AND THAT THE FCC KEEP ME INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS AND RESULTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION INTO THIS MATTER.

Sincerely,

**Case Information**

Control ID : CIMS00002925843	IC Number : 11-R2925843	Submission Method : Email	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast Cable Satellite	Level Two : Broadcast	Level Three : Indecency / Obscenity	Assigned Code Acronym :
Owner Rep Number : TSR30	Creator : email.reader	Problem Submitted Time : 1/20/2011 3:11:28PM	Date Closed : 1/25/2011

**Contact Information**

Consumer's Name : UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	Phone : (000) 000-0000	Best Time to Call :
Address :	Address 2 :	P. O. Box :
City / State / Zip :	Title :	Fax Number :
Email :	Company :	

**Problem Description**

Email Subject: Indecency Complaint

1/20/2011 3:11:29 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wrote on 1/20/2011 3:11:28 PM :

[REDACTED]  
HOLTON, KS 66436

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St, S.W.  
Complaints and Political Programming Branch  
Enforcement Division, Mass Media Bureau  
Washington, DC 20554

This is a formal COMPLAINT of indecency on broadcast television. My complaint concerns the PROGRAM ON:

Network: ABC  
Program Name: SKINS ON MTV  
Broadcast Date: JAN 18TH?  
Broadcast Time: 9:00pm CT  
My Affiliate: VIACOM

Description of Indecency:

EXTREMELY FOUL LANGUAGE, BORDERING ON VERBAL PORN. A WOMAN STRIPPING FOR A YOUNG BOY. DRUG OVERDOSE. OUT OF CONTROL TEENS. MOCKING PARENTS AND THEIR AUTHORITY.

COMPLAINANT RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT THE FCC ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS COMPLAINT, AND THAT THE FCC KEEP ME INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS AND RESULTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION INTO THIS MATTER.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Case Information			
Control ID : CIMS00002927414	IC Number : 11-R2927414	Submission Method : Email	Status : Closed
Level One : Broadcast Cable Satellite	Level Two : Broadcast	Level Three : Indecency / Obscenity	Assigned Code Acronym :
Owner Rep Number : TSR30	Creator : email.reader	Problem Submitted Time : 1/20/2011 5:50:34PM	Date Closed : 1/27/2011
Contact Information			
Consumer's Name : UNKNOWN UNKNOWN	Phone : (000) 000-0000	Best Time to Call :	
Address :	Address 2 :	P. O. Box :	
City / State / Zip :	Title :	Fax Number :	
Email :	Company :		

**Problem Description**

Email Subject: MTV Skins

1/20/2011 5:53:03 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] wrote on 1/20/2011 5:50:34 PM:

Dear FCC,

During last weeks season primer of MTV's new show SKINS I was appalled at the content. It is bad enough being a Jr. High teacher and having to explain to 13 year olds why Snookie from Jersey Shore is not a good role model. Last week I caught the first episode of SKINS and was speechless! The contact of that show makes Janet Jackson's Super Bowl incident look G rated! Drugs, sex, alcohol, nudity seemed to be the only theme of the show. What angers me most is that the show is marketed towards teens!

I understand that parents have a certain obligation to monitor what their kids watch. However, the FCC has a job as well; enforce censorship! How in the world did that show even make it on TV? If the FCC feels that SKINS is appropriate at any level then you people are in need of some new leadership! I am 24 years old male who grew up in a explicit generation and even I think that show has gone WAY to far! You can trust that my Congressman Bobby Shilling will be notified about my feelings towards the show and the FCC's apparent incompetence! MTV Should be seriously reprimanded for even thinking of putting filth like that on TV!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]